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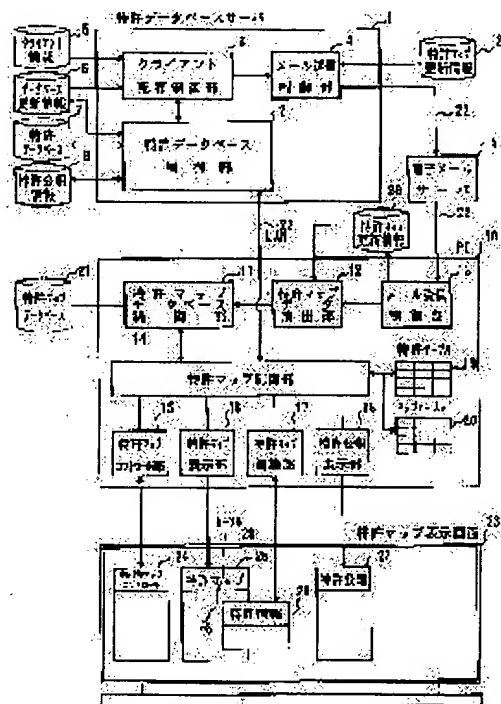
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(54) PATENT MAP GENERATING METHOD

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To enable a user to refer to the latest patent map by executing retrieval processing to the updated range of data base update information while using a registered retrieval key at a patent data base server, and adding that range to a data base for patent map at a personal computer (PC).

CONSTITUTION: A client distribution control part 3 of a patent data base server 1 is periodically started after the update of a patent data base 7, and patent map data update information 28 is calculated from client information 5 and data base update information 6 by a patent data base control part 2. A mail transmission control part 4 transmits the patent map data update information 28 to an electronic mail server 9 in order to distribute it to a PC 10. Then, a patent map control part 14 of the PC 10 acquires the information required for preparing the patent map from a patent map data base 21 and prepares a patent table 19 storing the patent numbers of patents on the patent map, etc., and a map table 20 storing the areas of keywords on the patent map.



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